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**COUNCILMEMBER DJOU:
PUBLIC WORKS CHAIR IRRESPONSIBLE
WITH LANDFILL SITE SELECTION PROCESS**

Today, Honolulu City Councilmember Charles K. Djou (Waikiki, East Honolulu) blasted the selection of Oahu's next landfill site by Councilmember Rod Tam (Nuuanu, Downtown). After offering Campbell Industrial Park as a proposed landfill site for the first time last Friday, today Tam floated the prospect of locating the landfill at Koko Crater. This suggestion comes just one week before the full council must decide on the location of a landfill.

"The landfill site selection process by the City Council over the past several days shows government at its worst. Selection of a landfill site is one of the most difficult decisions any municipal official must make. But the Public Works Chair's methodology to throw out all of the recommendations of the blue ribbon panel and ignore all of the public hearings on the location of a landfill is utterly irresponsible. Now we seem to have a landfill site selection process being conducted by mindless lottery with all semblances of fairness and reason eliminated. Neither Campbell Industrial Park nor Koko Crater were ever reviewed or discussed publicly before last week. The council is simply blind-siding the public with a preposterous selection process."

Koko Crater was reviewed and dismissed as a landfill site by the blue ribbon panel because it would provide less than 10 years of landfill life. This site would also require the city to truck garbage from H-Power through most of the major residential areas of Oahu, including Kapolei, Makakilo, Waikele, Ewa, Waipahu, Pearl City, Aiea, Moanalua, Downtown, Makiki, Nuuanu, Kaimuki, Kahala, Aina Hina, and Hawaii Kai to dump at Koko Crater.

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